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"CHICAGO 10" TO SCREEN AT SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY Blends Original Animation and Archival Footage to Create a Raucous Political Theater

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library and Media Arts Center San Diego will host a film showing of Brett Morgen's *Chicago 10* on Monday, September 15 at 6:30 PM in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. This event is FREE to the public.

Written and directed by Brett Morgen (*The Kid Stays in the Picture*), *Chicago 10* presents contemporary history with a forced perspective, mixing bold and original animation with extraordinary archival footage and an explosive soundtrack that explores the buildup to and unraveling of the Chicago Conspiracy Trial.

Chicago 10 tells the raucous story of the trial that resulted after the tumultuous Democratic Convention in Chicago in 1968. During the convention, a group of Yippies and other confrontationists pulled off a series of sit-ins and pranks that led to an eruption of violence. The result was a trial that simultaneously amused, thrilled, and challenged the nation and our notions of freedom. The supposed leaders of these insurrections became defendants, who used their position in the spotlight to further provoke the powers-that-be. They included Abbie Hoffman, Jerry Rubin, Bobby Seale, David Dellinger, Tom Hayden, Rennie Davis, John Froines, and Lee Weiner. In addition to providing a solid historical context using stock footage of actual events, Morgen takes Rubin's claim that the trial was a cartoon to a literal level by recreating the trial's most infamous moments in full-blown animation. Famous voices (Hank Azaria, Nick Nolte, Dylan Baker, Mark Ruffalo, Roy Scheider, Jeffrey Wright, Liev Schrieber) provide the energetic dialogue that brings these scenes to electrifying life.

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